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Man Charged in Hit-and-Run Death of 5-Year-Old Boy

A 19-year-old man was charged today with the hit-and-run death of a 5-year-old boy, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Homer Watford (dob 5/30/97) of Los Angeles faces one felony count of hit-and-run driving and one misdemeanor count of driving when privilege suspended or revoked after a prior offense.

Watford pleaded not guilty to the charges and is scheduled back on April 19 in Department 33 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

On March 14, Watford allegedly ran over the boy and continued driving without rendering aid, prosecutors said. The next day, the defendant turned himself in to police, prosecutors added.

Watford faces a possible maximum sentence of more than four years in state prison if convicted as charged. Bail is set at \$50,000.

Case BA455914 was filed on April 3 and remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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